

**APPENDIX**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Saket CHADDA

Application No.: 10/025,010

Filed: January 17, 2002

Attorney Docket No.: SFI 1017

Examiner: Maurina T. Rachuba

Art Unit: 3723

FOR: METHOD FOR POLISHING COPPER ON A WORKPIECE SURFACE

**DECLARATION OF KRISHNA P. MURELLA**

KRISHNA P. MURELLA, states that:

1. I reside at 15043 S. 47<sup>th</sup> Way, Phoenix, Arizona 85044, and make this declaration of my own knowledge and belief.
2. I am a process engineer, for the CMP Business Unit of Novellus Systems, Inc., formerly known as Speedfam-IPEC Corporation ("Novellus"). I am employed by Novellus which is located at 300 North 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Chandler, Arizona 85226.
3. I am one of the inventors named in U.S. patent application number 10/052,010 (the "current application"), filed January 17, 2002.
4. I, along with Sanjay Basak, conceived the subject matter of at least independent claim 1 in the current application prior to July 25, 2001.
5. Joe Hernandez and Fred Mitchel were not inventors of any of the claimed subject matter.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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Krishna P. Murella

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**DECLARATION OF SANJAY BASAK**

SANJAY BASAK, states that:

1. I reside at 4531 E. Sandia Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85044, and make this declaration of my own knowledge and belief.
2. I am the process technologist for the CMP Business Unit of Novellus Systems, Inc., formerly known as Speedfam-IPEC Corporation ("Novellus"). I am employed by Novellus which is located at 300 North 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Chandler, Arizona 85226.
3. I am one of the inventors named in U.S. patent application number 10/052,010 (the "current application"), filed January 17, 2002.
4. I, along with Krishna Murella, conceived the subject matter of at least independent claim 1 in the current application prior to July 25, 2001.
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Executed on

January 27, 2005  
Sanjay Basak